

## THE EMPEROR AND HIS SON

**THE CROWN PRINCE AND ZIMMERMAN WILL BE TRIED FOR HIGH CRIMES IN CONNECTION WITH STARTING THE WAR.**

Paris, March 23.—Former Emperor William and former Crown Prince Frederick will be arraigned before a court to be formed by the German National Assembly for the purpose of trying them for high crimes and misdemeanors in connection with the beginning of the European war.

Foreign Minister Zimmerman will also be brought before this court for trial.

### ROTARY CLUB MEETING

The Rotary Club held another one of its good meetings last night, and discussed a number of matters of interest besides partaking of a delicious repast served by Mesdames Tom Pettus and H. G. Connor, Jr.

There were present as guests members, Messrs. West of the Y. M. C. A., and B. T. Ferguson County Demonstrator, and Mr. Letisky, who when called upon expressed their pleasure at being present and enjoying the hospitality of the club.

Secretary George Stanton was selected as delegate to the National Convention which meets in Salt Lake City, and also called attention to the regular district meeting which convenes in Greensboro May 20 and 21st.

Dr. Best brought up the matter of entertaining Company K when they return from the war and this was discussed by Messrs. Elmer Oettinger and J. D. Gold. Dr. Dickinson stated that a resolution to entertain them had been passed by the club some time back. It being announced that Secretary Barlow of the Chamber of Commerce was also taking steps to make it a community matter, it was decided to co-operate with him.

Resolutions were read from Mr. Stork by Mr. Garry Fulghum regarding the arrival of little ones at the homes of Messrs. Elmer Oettinger and H. W. Abbit. Amid much laughter they were passed unanimously.

Mr. Edgerton, chairman of the publicity committee of the Memorial Building project expressed his thanks to the various members of the committee for the assistance rendered and Editor Gold for the liberal space donated to the committee. Editor Gold in making due acknowledgment stated that it had been a great pleasure to help in any way and that he believed in the fall when money is more plentiful it will not be difficult to realize the amount the committee has set out to raise. While up he called attention to the recent organization perfected among the colored people to improve the condition of labor among the race, and that this work was one that the Rotary Club could greatly assist in perfecting.

Dr. Dickinson delivered a very interesting and entertaining talk on the principles of the organization while Dr. L. J. Herring described the meeting of the parents with the returned soldiers of the 113th in Raleigh, and Mr. Stokes and Williams reminded the members of birthdays that would soon come to pass.

### MISS SAUNDERS BETTER

The many friends of Miss Ella Saunders will be pleased to learn she is better today.

### LENINE WANTS TO FINANCE

London, March 23.—Premier Lenine has sent a message to the Hungarian government urging it to send an army against Vienna, according to a despatch from Budapest to the London Daily Mail.

It states that Lenine has promised to advance 100,000,000 kronen for this purpose.

### HEAVY FROST TONIGHT

For North Carolina, fair tonight and Saturday with heavy frost to night, and rising temperature on Saturday with strong northwest winds diminishing tonight.

## SCHEIDEMANN'S WAIL OF COMPLAINT

**Says the Allies Preparing to Take It All. Paints a Gloomy Picture**

### FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE

Weimar via Copenhagen, March 23.—Speaking yesterday in the national assembly Phillip Scheidemann, the Chancellor, said semi-official and non-official reports were increasing daily that "fresh aggravations in the peace conditions are expected to be announced; that unprecedented sums in compensation are to be imposed; that wide stretches of purely German territory are to be taken, and that crushing restrictions are to be imposed in financial and military matters."

"Assured a large part of these alleged conditions are invented," the Chancellor continued, "so that by repetition they will accustom us to these unheard of demands and the final conditions seem almost bearable to us. They are invented in order to create an atmosphere which will suffocate protest even against a peace of violence. Our peoples, which are ill-treated by the armistice more cruelly than by the war, recognize this method. A cry not of chauvinist nature, but of the deepest despair which appeals to the highest there is to the conference of humanity—is going up throughout Germany."

Herr Scheidemann said the protests against the alleged conditions were due to patriotic ear. The government knew this loyalty to the empire was the most valuable possession entrusted to its control and would not permit it to be entrenched upon at home or abroad. The chancellor appealed to the people to stand together, adding:

"The so-called radicals of the Left have no right to protest against acts of oppression, for we are responsible under the treaties of Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest."

Declaring that Great Britain had rejected a proposal to establish an international tribunal to investigate responsibility for the war, Herr Scheidemann said:

"Even if Germany were responsible for all the crimes she is accused of, has she thereby lost the right to protest against fetters which throttle her. Spa was worse than Brest-Litovsk because Spa shows that it learned nothing from Brest-Litovsk."

## MARKETS

### COTTON

New York, March 23.—The cotton market ruled irregular at the start this morning and first prices were from three points higher to six points lower on the new style and thirty points higher to twenty-five lower on the old style months. Liverpool was a good buyer and the price firmed up after the call. The new style months sold at from 16 to twenty points net higher and the old style May from 15 to 25 points net higher.

New York, March 23.—Cotton futures opened steady with May, old 24.24, new 24.55; July, old 22.65, new 22.50; October, old 20.10, new 20.64; December 20.00, new 20.38; January 20.30.

At noon May was 24.53. Spots Wilson market 25 cents.

### STOCKS

New York, March 23.—The stock market was strong at the opening today and first prices were higher for both accounts: resulting from more encouraging news from the International situation. The motors and Oils and Leathers and Tobaccos led the advance with gains of from one to 25 points, while the rails were better. Canadian Pacific gained from 2 1-2 points on the publication of its annual statement. The shippings and steels were freely absorbed and the speculative group was featured by Industrial Alcohol at gains of four points.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS PACT

**May Not Contain Reference to Either the Monroe Doctrine or the**

### JAP. RACIAL QUESTION

Paris, March 23.—Containing neither any references to the Monroe Doctrine nor to the Japanese proposal for recognition of the racial equality of nations, the draft of the covenant of the league of nations today is in the hands of the special drafting committee.

The draft was completed Wednesday night at a setting of the full committee and the covenant is expected to be ready in completed form early next week. The two amendments around which has entered the greatest interest and much divergence of opinion, however, may be offered either in the council of ten or to the plenary peace conference to which the covenant must go for final action.

Among other amendments adopted Wednesday night was one directly recognizing the principle of women's suffrage of the league are open to women as well as to men.

The much discussed question as to the possibility of the withdrawal from membership in the league of a nation as settled by an amendment permitting withdrawal on two years' notice but not until such nations has filled out its international obligations.

Article X of the covenant to which the Monroe Doctrine amendment would apply, stands in its original form, President Wilson having reserved for the present the amendment which had been prepared as expressing the views of the American delegation. It is now explained that it was not the exact text, but only the general form of the amendment which was given to the press and that hence criticism must be withheld for the present.

Careful soundings are being taken to ascertain the reception that is likely to be given this amendment by the other delegations. If unfriendly sentiment develops or the pressing of other and obnoxious amendments is threatened as a consequence of insistence upon the Monroe Doctrine it is said the amendment may be altogether withheld.

It has been learned that thus far the result of these inquiries has not been wholly encouraging to the advocates of the amendment but that they will be continued until the attitude of all the delegation is ascertained.

Since the first mention of the desire of the Japanese to secure an amendment recognizing equality before the law for all nationals of the league of nations states in other have not pressed their amendment before the commission itself. They have, however, been canvassing the delegates with various forms of such an amendment, endeavoring to find out the feeling toward it.

They ran squarely on one reef today when Premier Hughes of Australia declared without qualification that the Australian delegation would not support or stand in favor of any amendment of any kind whatever, containing the Japanese desires.

As a matter of fact the Japanese amendment did not come before the commission Wednesday night, but it is understood its authors have not abandoned the idea of obtaining an expression of feeling on it from the council of ten, and perhaps from the plenary peace conference itself.

An important amendment adopted last night provides for the creation of a committee on organization of the league which is to be empowered to proceed with arrangements for the assembly, securing the necessary buildings and perfecting the secretariat forces all in advance of the ratification of the treaty. But the acts of this committee will be subject to the approval of the ratifying body.

Help the government and help yourself. Buy War Savings Stamps and you will be doing both.

## PREMIER HUGHES OF AUSTRALIA

**Is Opposed to Racial Equality and Will Not Make Contract to Put**

### JAPANESE ON THE LEVEL

Paris, March 23.—(By the A. P.)—William M. Hughes, the Premier of Australia, made the flat statement today that he was unalterably in opposition to the proposed Japanese racial equality amendment to the covenant of the League of Nations or to any form of it, however mild in recognizing that principle.

"Australia," Mr. Hughes said, "cannot accept this proposal which strikes at the very roots of the policy that we have maintained so long, as zealously as has America her Monroe Doctrine."

"I am most anxious to avoid anything likely to hurt the susceptibilities of the people of other nations, but on this point, since we cannot give way, it is best that I should speak plainly."

We cannot agree to the insertion of any words in the covenant or in the treaty of peace that would impair, or even question, our sovereign rights in regard to any and every aspect of this question.

"One of the cardinal principles of the league is that there shall be no interference in the internal affairs of any nation. No nation will surrender its sovereignty in matters essential to its welfare to enter the league."

"I cannot but regard the proposed amendment as an effort to establish a principle under which ultimately some nations would find their internal policy challenged by the league at the instigation of one of its members. The amendment is one which, no matter how innocuous it may seem in form, is certainly aimed at giving the league control of questions relating to immigration, naturalization and matters which cannot be surrendered by any State without such impairment of its sovereignty as to make it, in effect, a subject state."

"If the league is able to compel a State to amend its immigration, naturalization and franchise laws, there remains to the State only the shadow of sovereignty. The substance has gone. No free nation could agree to dictation in such matters from the League of Nations. Intimate problems belong to and must remain under the control of individual nations."

"Of course, we are told by those who advocate this amendment that nothing more is desired than the mere recognition of the principle. They say no action is contemplated. I am afraid this assurance will not reconcile the people of Australia to the proposal. It certainly does not satisfy me."

"Either the proposal means something, or nothing. If nothing, then why insert it." If something, then surely this something will not be achieved by mere words, stopping for all time short of action. If these words which it is desired to insert in the covenant mean nothing, then the covenant itself means nothing."

"But I hope and believe the covenant, extending the rule of law into the spheres of international dispute means a great deal; that it contemplates and provides for action, as do all other legal documents, municipal and international. Believing this, I cannot accept the suggestion that the amendment proposed means nothing and differs in essence from the other provisions of the pact."

### LIBERAL TERMS ON

#### VICTORY LOAN

Washington, March 23.—The terms for the payments of the new Victory Loan are most liberal and more so than any other government loan so far floated.

Deferred payments may be made from May to November 11th.

Every Little Thrift Stamp added to what you've bought makes a little bit saved—and helps the government.

You will find the ads today of interest to you.

## R. R. STRIKE IN VIENNA

## SOVIET GOVERNMENT WANTS RECOGNITION

**Is Reported to Have Asked President Wilson and He Will Probably Take**

### UNDER CONSIDERATION

Paris, March 23.—A rumor was current last night that the United States had received a note from Premier Lenine and War Minister Trotsky of the Soviet government, according to Marcel Hutten in the Echo de Paris who says that President Wilson is not disinclined to give the matter earnest and serious attention.

London, March 23.—The action of American troops in looking after Russian prisoners in Germany is believed to have nipped in the bud an important Bolshevik plot, according to an Exchange despatch from Berlin dated Thursday.

The Spartacus adherents at Spandau, the message states, had planned a big rising for Thursday and intended to arm several thousand prisoners from the Rukleben camps. The Americans, however, rushed the prisoners on board trains Wednesday morning and distributed them around among the American camps.

### THE WOMAN'S CLUB WON

In the very interesting spelling Bee at the Graded school last night between members of the Woman's Club and members of the High school the Woman's Club won, though the High school were not easy marks by any means.

Miss Hampton, one of the teachers gave out the words and both sides demonstrated an excellent knowledge of their construction.

At the conclusion of forty minutes of spelling it was found that the Woman's Club had won and that some ten of the Woman's club had not been spelled down to about nine of the members of the Senior Class who were left standing. The full number to start with was about 23 in the Senior class and 18 in the Woman's club.

The number of words misspelled was the criterion to merit, the class missing 14 and the Club 4.

### DENIED THEY FIRED

#### ON OFFICERS

Winchester, Va., March 23.—L. Hudson, the 18 year old companion of Raymond Shackelford, the alleged bootleggers who were fired on by state officers of the Prohibition League while they were in Shackelford's car, before he died denied that either he or Shackelford fired or even threatened to fire on the officers. Shackelford was killed in the fusillade on the car.

### UNION OF NORTHERN AND

#### SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS

Petersburg, Va., March 23.—The Committee on the Union of the General Assembly of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian organization which met here yesterday reached a tentative arrangement for the merging of the bodies into a federal General Assembly it become known here today. The tentative plans have not been made public but it is announced that the general Northern Assembly will meet next May 15th in St. Louis, Mo., in order to consider a proposal that the Southern General Assembly shall meet in New Orleans on the same date.

### AFTER THE ALIENS

Washington, March 23.—Attorney General Palmer stated today there were 4,000 enemy aliens interned during the war. Some of the least harmful of them were on the payrolls while 600 of them were kept in close quarters, 300 of those considered were held under close surveillance while 200 of the I. W. W.'s or the amalgamated associations had been referred to the department of Labor for deportation.

## IN SYMPATHY WITH REVOLUTIONISTS TIES UP INTER-ALLIED TRAFFIC. AMERICANS BREAK UP PLOT TO ARM RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

Vienna, Thursday, March 27.—A railroad strike has been called and threatened to spread to all the roads in this country. The strike was called for higher wages and is partly in sympathy with the Hungarian revolutionists. It is feared that it may lead to the establishment of a Soviet government in Germany-Austria-Hungary.

The trouble was started when the men of the Southern road walked out. All the traffic on the road is at a complete standstill, including the inter-allied traffic from Trieste. These roads bring supplies to the Austrian capital and it is feared that the people of that city will suffer from hunger. The situation is extremely grave.

### ICE LAST, FROST TONIGHT

There a change in the weather last night and a slight skim of ice formed. Frost is predicted for tonight and you had better cover up those snap beans.

### MEETING OF L. T. CLUB.

The L. T. Club met yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. Edward Bishop at her home on Bragg street. Despite the inclement weather a very enjoyable meeting was held.

Those present were: Mesdames B. T. Ferguson, W. L. Joyner, R. P. Dew and J. O. Williams.

A delicious salad course was served.

### MR. J. W. FELTON VERY LOW

We regret to learn that the condition of Mr. J. W. Felton who is very ill with Flu which has developed into double pneumonia is not any better. Mr. Felton is a very sick man. We hope for his recovery.

### MRS. HELEN MYRICK

Mrs. Helen Myrick, aunt of Mrs. Wade Davis of this city, died yesterday at her late residence in Southampton, Va. She had been in poor health for sometime. Miss Mary Edwards and her brother, Lt. Wiley Edwards, will leave in the morning to attend the funeral which will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Morecock of Halifax, sister to the deceased and mother of Mrs. Davis, is on a visit to her daughter in this city.

### BURY OUR HEROES HERE

The War Department is sending cards to those who have lost relatives in France, asking for instructions as to whether they want the remains returned to their home or not. We think it would be the proper thing for the remains of all the Wilson county boys to be returned to Wilson and a plot in Maplewood Cemetery set apart for the white soldiers who lost their lives in France and a plot in Oak Cemetery for the colored. Wilson being the county seat of Wilson county and being a thriving town the Cemeteries will always be kept up and the graves looked after. Of course this is a matter for each parent to decide for themselves as to the final resting place of their loved ones. We merely offer this suggestion.

These boys have made history, and their graves will forever be spots of historical interest and they should be kept in a place where they will be kept green after this generation has passed away.

James Dempsey Bullock,  
Historian.

### WILL WORK ON

#### DIFFERENT LINES

Paris, March 23.—A convention of the foreign ministers of Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy have agreed to work simultaneously with President Wilson but in different directions in order cover the various branches of the great technical questions of the peace conference.